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COMIREX SUBCOMMITTEE  
For  
EXPLOITATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Declass Review by  
NIMA/DOD

Minutes of Meeting Held in Patio Room  
0900-1200, Wednesday, 6 August 1969

Presiding

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1. Approval of Minutes

Except for a minor change the minutes were approved.

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2. Announcements

a. The scheduled briefing by [ ] for today's meeting has been cancelled.

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c. [ ] announced that he would like to have an updated EXRAND directory plus the final inputs to the directory of names and organizations associated with EXRAND.

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e. [ ] announced the next trip by EXRAND, which was selected from 4 potential places. Members and observers are scheduled for a trip to Beale Air Force Base to visit the SR-71 Reconnaissance System on 15, 16, and 17 September. The Executive Secretary is working out all of the details for the trip. [ ] called for a list of names of persons who would make the trip, limiting the total to 15. The flight to San Francisco should be made on Sunday. Each traveler is to make his own travel reservations; all other reservations, scheduling, car rental, clearances, etc. will be arranged by [ ]. (It was suggested that the trip include a visit to [ ] to see the High Precision Stereo Comparator, subsequently this was approved by the Chief/TSSG for 15 September while en route to Beale.)

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g. [ ] requested responses for the new distribution list of the NPIC Equipment Summary (Navy has complied so far).

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h. [ ] announced that [ ] U.S. Army, formerly with NRO and alternate to EXRAND had been selected as a Special Assistant to [ ], Chief of the Presidential Scientific Advisory Committee.

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i. [ ] announced the demonstration and apparent success of the Automatic Film Titler by [ ] seen at the world-wide reconnaissance equipment conference in Salt Lake City. He recommended that this item be brought to the attention of the CCB. The Chairman suggested that the item officially be brought to the attention of the CCB after final test. The Air Force representative is charged with informing EXRAND upon completion and acceptance of the equipment. [ ] also mentioned the rapid printer attachment to the [ ] Variscan which appeared to be a very successful development.

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j. Because of recent demands and experiences, [ ] recommended that the EXRAND community exchange information on availability of equipment before it is disposed as surplus property. This action would be timely and would eliminate vast amounts of paper work trying to recoup the equipment after it has entered the GSA system. The members agreed that information should be funneled through the new Procurement Coordinating Team.

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k. [ ] announced that the Air Force was having procurement and funding difficulties involving future purchasing of the 1540 Light Table. He requested that NPIC provide the specifications for these tables in order to forward them to [ ]. There is also a security problem involved; pending SI [ ] clearances for key procurement personnel in the Air Force Logistics command for Photographic Reconnaissance Equipment. In addition to these comments, [ ] pointed out that the conference in Salt Lake City noted the DoD directive for centralizing all purchases of photographic reconnaissance equipment is not receiving compliance and he alerted Navy and Army members to the probability that pressures could soon be applied to insure full compliance.

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1. [REDACTED] called the attention of the members to the publication "Standing Prerequisites for the Exploitation of Collection Systems" (SPECS) [REDACTED] July 1969). This NPIC document has been distributed to members of the intelligence community to solicit information necessary to planning for the exploitation equipment used in NPIC. It is hoped that this will provide a better interface between collection and exploitation. It was brought to the attention of the EXRAND members to acquaint them with the types of information that will be gathered so that they may benefit from this information in the planning of their individual programs for exploitation equipment. Members were invited to suggest changes and additions to the Technical Services and Support Group, NPIC, through the NPIC Exrand member.

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m. [REDACTED] announced that he would be attending a special course at Harvard for 6 months and upon his return he would work for the Research Engineering Division/TSSG/NPIC.

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n. [REDACTED] commented that the [REDACTED] Report was now being circulated under limited distribution concerning reorganization of national intelligence and would be of interest to the EXRAND members.

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### 3. Old Business

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a. [REDACTED] Chairman of the Technical Task Team, was not present but his written memorandum report was discussed. [REDACTED] stated that the Navy voices serious reservations about the composition of the Technical Task Team stating that he is 100% for the concept and the team; he pointed out, however, what he considered to be a significant problem that under the present charge it would be impossible to identify all gaps and duplications in exploitation equipment R&D of the Community; indeed, those duplications discovered would not necessarily be a disadvantage because sometimes duplications are needed in R&D. The Technical Task Team effort should be greatly expanded. The challenge is great but manpower is not available to cover the areas of interest. The Chairman said he would take this up with [REDACTED] hopefully, to reduce the parameters of the Technical Task Team Report.

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c. [ ] requested approval of the Terms of Reference to the Procurement Coordinating Team which was attached to the agenda. He stated that the Terms of Reference were not to be all inclusive in procurement matters but only enough to be able to provide basic information to procurement people to save government costs. He affirmed the need for the Chairman of the team to be the Air Force member or alternate because of the DoD assignment to Air Force for all-service procurement of photographic reconnaissance material. The Air Force member also has immediate and informal access to all echelons of the Logistics Command.

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d. [ ] emphasized the Team's need for knowledge of certain types of excess equipment within the exploitation Community.

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e. [ ] requested that [ ] be prepared to brief COMIREX on recent EXRAND activities which have saved the Government money.

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f. [ ] asked for approval of the Terms of Reference for the Procurement Coordinating Team. All approved but added a new paragraph to cover the task team responsibilities with regard to knowledge of surplus equipment.

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#### 4. New Business

The NPIC representative mentioned that [ ] of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency was interested in the activities of EXRAND. A general discussion followed which noted that both EXRAND and ACDA could benefit from a closer relationship. [ ] will be invited to submit a request for observer status to the Chairman EXRAND with appropriate justification. This will be presented to the members at the next meeting and if approved will be forwarded to COMIREX for concurrence.

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Executive Secretary, EXRAND

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